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1. SUMMARY: SARY RECEIVED A WARM WELCOME TO THAILAND JULY
14. AFTER BRIEF ARRIVAL CEREMONIES AT THE BORDER AND IN
BANGKOK, SARY AND UPPADIT BEGAN AN INITIAL ROUND OF DIS-
CUSSIONS FOCUSING ON BORDER PROBLEMS, EXCHANGE OF EM-
BASSIES AND AMBASSADORS, AND REACTIVATION OF THE BORDER
LIAISON COMMITTEES. SARY PROMISED TO "CORRECT MISUNDER-
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STANDINGS" WHICH, HE SAID, CAUSE THE BORDER PROBLEMS.
HE, SEEMINGLY, HAS DEMURRED FOR THE MOMENT ON EMBASSIES
AND THE BORDER COMMITTEES. RESULTS SO FAR APPEAR IN-
CONCLUSIVE. FURTHER TALKS ARE SCHEDULED FOR JULY 15 AND
16, PRIOR TO SARY'S DEPARTURE JULY 17. END SUMMARY.

2. DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEAN DEPUTY PM AND FONMIN IENG SARY

AND HIS SEVEN MAN DELEGATION STRODE ACROSS THE BRIDGE
SEPARATING ARANAYAPRATHET, THAILAND, AND POIPET, CAMBODIA,
AT ABOUT 9 A.M. JULY 14. HE WAS MET BY FONMIN UPPADIT
AND ARMY COMMANDER IN CHIEF GENERAL SERM NO NAKHORN. IN
A BRIEF ARRIVAL STATEMENT TO A BARRIAGE OF THAI AND FOREIGN
NEWSPEOPLE, SARY EXPRESSED HOPE THAT HIS VISIT WOULD
STRENGTHEN UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THAILAND AND CAMBODIA
WHICH WOULD BETTER DEVELOP THE RELATION OF FRIENDSHIP
BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES." SUBSEQUENTLY, SARY, CLAD IN
A MAO-STYLE SUIT, AND HIS PARTY WERE WHISKED AWAY IN
LIMOUSINES TO THE SURASINGHANART BARRACKS IN ARANYAPRATHET
FOR AN HONOR GUARD RECEPTION. AFTER THE BRIEF RECEPTION,
THE SARY PARTY, ACCCOMPANIED BY FONMIN APPADIT, MOTORED TO
BANGKOK, WHERE THEY ARRIVED AT 1330 AT THE ORIENTAL HOTEL,
WHERE THE CAMBODIANS ARE STAYING.

3. SARY WAS WELCOMED AT THE HOTEL BY DEPUTY PM SUNTHORN
HONGLADAROM, SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE CABINET, AND A CHOSEN
GROUP FROM THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS. MFA INVITED SELECTED
AMBASSADORS TO THE WELCOMING CEREMONY. ALL THE ASEAN
AMBASSADORS, THE PRC AND YUGOSLAV CHARGES, AND
AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR WERE SEEN. DUTCH AMBASSADOR APPARENTLY
WAS NOT INVITED ALTHOUGH THE NETHERLANDS HAS ESTABLISHED
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PHNOM PENH. RUSSIAN, VIETNAMESE
AND LAOTIAN ENVOYS DID NOT ATTEND. UK DECLINED. (THAIS
TACTFULLY DID NOT INVITE US, KNOWING WE WOULD NOT ATTEND.)
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4. SARY AND APPADIT UNDERTOOK NEARLY TWO HOURS OF INTENSIVE
TALKS IN THE AFTERNOON JULY 14. THAI DEPUTY COMMERCE
MINISTER PROK AMMANAN, DEPUTY AGRICULTURE MINISTER APHORN
SIPHIPHAT, AND SECY GENERAL OF THE NSC GENERAL
SITTHI SAWETASILA ALSO ATTENDED THE DISCUSSIONS. AFTER-
WARDS, FONMIN UPPADIT TOLD THE PRESS THAT THE BORDER DIFFI-
CULTIES, EXCHANGE OF AMBASSADORS, AND REACTIVATING THE
BORDER LIAISON OFFICES HAD BEEN DISCUSSED. UPPADIT TOLD
REPORTERS THAT BOTH SIDES HAD CONCEDED THAT "MISUNDER-
STANDINGS" HAS CAUSED THE BORDER DIFFICULTIES. ACCORDING
TO UPPADIT, SARY PROMISED TO "CORRECT THESE MISUNDER-
STANDINGS". SARY ALSO REAFFIRMED HIS GOVERNMENT'S RE-
COGNITION OF THE FIVE PRINCIPLES OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE,
ESPECIALLY THE ONE CALLING FOR NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE
INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER NATIONS, ACCORDING TO UPPADIT.

5. ON THE DISCUSSION OF RE-OPENING EMBASSIES AND EXCHANGING
AMBASSADORS, UPPADIT SAID THAT SARY TOLD HIM PHNOM PENH
WAS STILL TRYING TO FIND A SUITABLE PERSON TO ASSUME THE
AMBASSADORIAL POST IN BANGKOK. SARY ALSO REFERRED TO
BUDGETARY PROBLEMS IN THIS CONNECTION. UPPADIT OFFERED

TO PROVIDE THAI WORKERS TO MAINTAIN THE EMBASSY IN BANGKOK. SARY AND UPPADIT ALSO DISCUSSED INCONCLUSIVELY THE REACTIVATION OF THE BORDER LIAISON OFFICES IN ARANYAPRATHET AND POIPET. ON BOTH THE LIAISON OFFICES AND EMBASSIES, SARY PROMISED TO RESPOND AFTER HIS RETURN TO CAMBODIA FROM THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN BELGRADE.

6. UPPADIT SAID THAT THEE MIGHT NOT REPEAT NOT BE A COM-MUNIQUE SINCE THE COMMUNIQUE SIGNED IN OCTOBER 1975, ESTABLISHING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE NEW REGIME AND BANGKOK, IS STILL VALID.

7. AT A BANQUET HOSTED BY FONMIN UPPADIT IN THE EVENING OF JULY 14 IN THE HONOR OF SARY AND HIS PARTY, SARY SAID THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LIVING CONDITIONS IN HIS COUNTRY XAD GREATLY IMPROVED SINCE THE KHMER ROUGE TOOK POWER. ACCORDING TO SARY, THE PEOPLE HAVE ENOUGH FOOD, HOUSING AND CLOTHES AND HEALTH HAS GREATLY IMPROVED. BY HIS ACCOUNT, "ILLITERACY HAS BEEN FUNDAMENTALLY WIPE OUT AND THE WHOLE PEOPLE ENJOY EDUCATION." SARY ALSO APPARENTLY GAVE A SIMILAR FUN-DOWN IN HIS MEETING WITH UPPADIT.

8. IN HIS BANQUET SPEECH, SARY ALSO STRESSED HIS DESIRE FOR FRIENDSHIP WITH THAILAND "BASED K ON INDEPENDENCE, EQUALITY,

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9. FURTHER TALKS WITH UPPADIT ARE SCHEDULED FOR JULY 15 AND SARY WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE KING EARLY IN THE EVENING. HE IS EXPECTED TO CONFER WITH PM KRIANGSAK POSSIBLY AT A DINNER JULY 15 AND N TALKS JULY 16. AFTER INITIALLY AGREEING TO DISCUSS "CAMBODIA TODAY" AT THE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS CLUB, THE MEETING WAS LATER CONCELLED BECAUSE OF SARY'S "TIGHT SCHEDULE." HOWEVER, UNLIKE DURING HIS VISIT IN OCTOBER 1975 WHEN SARY REFUSED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS POSED BY FOREIGN JOURNALISTS, SARY WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE ORIENTAL HOTEL AT FIVE P.M. PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE JULY 17. PRESS JULY 14 REPORTED THAT SARY WOULD DEPART BANGKOK AROUND SIX P.M. JULY 17 ON A KLM

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FLIGHT TO JAKARTA. (WE HAVE NO RPT NO CONFIRMATION OF THIS. SEE BANGKOK 19126.)

10. COMMENT: AS EXPECTED, THE THAIS ARE PROVIDING SARY A VERY WARM, HIGH LEVEL WELCOME. PUBLICLY, SARY HAS BEEN RELAXED, COMPOSED, AND GRINNING. AS IN THE PAST, FONMIN UPPADIT IS TAKING A VERY UPBEAT, POSITIVE TONE IN DESCRIPTING THE MEETINGS. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT THE MOST SERIOUS EXCHANGES ON THE CENTRAL ISSUE OF BORDER INCIDENTS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY OCCUR IN SARY'S MEETING WITH PM

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